

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (CANCELLED)
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A woven scrim according to claim 4 35 wherein each of said units comprises a sequential crossing-over of two and crossing-under of two successive tapes in said second set.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A woven scrim according to claim 4 35 wherein each of said units comprises a sequential crossing-over of three and crossing-under of three successive tapes in said second set.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A woven scrim according to claim 4 35 wherein each of said units comprises a sequential crossing-over of four and crossing-under of four successive tapes in said second set.
5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A woven scrim according to claim 4 35 wherein each of said units comprises a sequential crossing-over of three and crossing-under of one successive tapes in said second set.
6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A woven scrim according to claim 4 35 wherein each of said units comprises a sequential crossing-over of one and crossing-under of two and crossing-over of two and crossing-under of one successive tapes in said second set.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A woven scrim according to claim 4 35 wherein each of said units comprises a sequential crossing-over of one and crossing-under of three and crossing-over of three and crossing-under of one successive tapes in said second set.

8. (CANCELLED)

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A woven scrim according to claim 8 18 wherein said scrim tapes have a width in the range of 1 to 10 mm.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A woven scrim according to claim 8 18 wherein said scrim tapes have a thickness in the range of 0.02 to 0.1 mm.

11.-12. (CANCELLED)

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A woven scrim according to claim 8 18 wherein said tapes comprise polyolefin resin.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A woven scrim made of thermoplastic tapes, comprising:

(a) a plurality of scrim warp tapes in a substantially parallel side-by-side relationship;
(b) a plurality of scrim weft tapes in a substantially parallel side-by-side relationship;
(c) said scrim warp tapes and said scrim weft tapes being woven together in a twill weave;

A woven scrim according to claim 8 wherein said scrim further includes reinforcing threads or reinforcing tapes grouped with at least some of said scrim tapes of said scrim, such that for each group comprising a scrim tape and one or more reinforcing threads or reinforcing tapes, the reinforcing thread is woven in a substantially parallel side-by-side abutting relationship with, and in the same weaving path as, the scrim tape.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A woven scrim made of thermoplastic tapes, comprising:

- (a) a plurality of scrim warp tapes in a substantially parallel side-by-side relationship;
- (b) a plurality of scrim weft tapes in a substantially parallel side-by-side relationship;
- (c) said scrim warp tapes and said scrim weft tapes being woven together in a twill weave;

~~A woven scrim according to claim 8~~ wherein said scrim further includes reinforcing threads or reinforcing tapes replacing at least some of said scrim tapes ~~of said scrim, such that for each scrim tape replaced by a reinforcing thread or a reinforcing tape, the reinforcing thread or reinforcing tape abuts in a substantially parallel side-by-side relationship to the tapes on its adjacent sides.~~

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A woven scrim according to claim & 19 wherein some of said scrim tapes are warp tapes and said reinforcing threads or reinforcing tapes replace at least some of said warp tapes.

21. (ORIGINAL) A woven scrim according to claim 20 wherein said reinforcing threads or reinforcing tapes replace at least some of said warp tapes proximate to outer edges of said woven scrim.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A woven scrim according to claim 18 wherein said reinforcing tapes or reinforcing threads comprise polyolefin resin.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A woven scrim according to claim 18 wherein said reinforcing tapes or reinforcing threads comprise polyester resin.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fabric comprising a woven scrim according to claim & 18 laminated on one or both sides thereof to a waterproof thermoplastic film.

25. (ORIGINAL) A fabric according to claim 24 wherein said film comprises polyolefin resin.

26.-27. (CANCELLED)

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fabric comprising a woven scrim according to claim & 18 laminated on one or both sides thereof to a layer of slip-resistant material.

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fabric comprising a woven scrim according to claim & 18 laminated on at least one side thereof to a metalized film.

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fabric comprising a woven scrim according to claim & 18 laminated on one or both sides thereof to a layer of water-absorbent material.

31. (ORIGINAL) A fabric according to claim 30 wherein said water-absorbent material is paper.

32. (CANCELLED)

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The use of the scrim of claim & 18 as an industrial fabric, construction fabric or landfill cover.

34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The use of the fabric of claim 24 as an industrial fabric, tarpaulin, landfill cover, construction fabric or agricultural fabric.

35. (NEW) A woven scrim made of thermoplastic tapes, said tapes being woven so as to form a plurality of oblique bands on a surface of said scrim, comprising:

(a) a first set of scrim tapes generally parallel to each other;

(b) a second set of scrim tapes generally parallel to each other and perpendicular to said first set of scrim tapes;

(c) said scrim tapes in said first set forming a repeating pattern of units comprising crossings-over and crossings-under of said scrim tapes of said second set, each of said units comprising a sequential crossing-over of at least two and crossing-under of at least one, successive scrim tapes in said second set;

(d) said pattern, with respect to each successive scrim tape in said first set, being shifted in position by at least one tape of said second set; and

(e) said crossings-over of said scrim tapes of said first set collectively forming said oblique bands on said surface of said scrim;

wherein said scrim further includes reinforcing threads or reinforcing tapes grouped with at least some of said scrim tapes, such that for each group comprising a scrim tape and one or more reinforcing threads or reinforcing tapes, the reinforcing thread is woven in a substantially parallel side-by-side abutting relationship with, and in the same weaving path as, the scrim tape.

36. (NEW) A woven scrim made of thermoplastic tapes, said tapes being woven so as to form a plurality of oblique bands on a surface of said scrim, comprising:

(a) a first set of scrim tapes generally parallel to each other;

(b) a second set of scrim tapes generally parallel to each other and perpendicular to said first set of scrim tapes;

(c) said scrim tapes in said first set forming a repeating pattern of units comprising crossings-over and crossings-under of said scrim tapes of said second set, each of said units comprising a sequential crossing-over of at least two and crossing-under of at least one, successive scrim tapes in said second set;

(d) said pattern, with respect to each successive scrim tape in said first set, being shifted in position by at least one scrim tape of said second set; and

(e) said crossings-over of said scrim tapes of said first set collectively forming said oblique bands on said surface of said scrim;

wherein said scrim further includes reinforcing threads or reinforcing tapes replacing at least some of said scrim tapes, such that for each scrim tape replaced by a reinforcing thread or a reinforcing tape, the reinforcing thread or reinforcing tape abuts in a substantially parallel side-by-side relationship to the tapes on its adjacent sides.